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Piracicaba, August 2, 1965.

Dr. R. W. Richardson, Jr.
Associate Director
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th Street
New York 20, N.Y. - U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Richardson:

Within our program on cytology of corn we have planned some collecting or recollecting trips of maize. The first of these trips which I am planning to carry out, is to the north-east of Brazil, from where we never got a good sampling of local varieties. This is an important region for our purpose because it will certainly show a possible migration of maize races from the Antilhas to the south of South America.

My plan is to take this trip by driving a station wagon along the Brazilian coast, starting at Piracicaba going until São Luís at Maranhão State, stopping in Salvador, Bahia; Aracaju, Sergipe; Maceió, Alagoas; Recife, Pernambuco; João Pessoa, Paraíba; Natal, Rio Grande do Norte; Fortaleza, Ceará, and Teresina, Piauí. From each of these points small lateral trips will be done.

We figured support for the following expenses will be necessary:

1. Expenses with gas, oil, etc. US\$ 400.00
2. Per diem expenses for 2 persons... US\$ 700.00
3. Other expenses..... US\$ 100.00

TOTAL..... US\$1,200.00

I intend to use one of our station wagons and I have to take a person from our staff to help the driving and the collection itself. I figured I will be able to carry out this trip in 40 days.

I could do this trip by airplane, and certainly save time. However, I would be tied to local people in getting transportation to the places where the corn is found, and as I know our conditions, this could cause a lot of troubles and deficiencies.

As you know, Dr. Major M. Goodman is here with us under a post doctoral fellowship from N.S.F., working on corn. It would be very

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interesting and helpful if he could go along with me in this trip. He would expend about US\$ 350.00 in per diem expenses. However his fellowship does not cover expenses for traveling within Brazil. I ask you about the possibility that the Rockefeller Foundation could cover these expenses.

I understand that the support for my expenses can be taken from the US\$ 50,000.00 grant that the Foundation gave to our Institute for the international maize program. I do not know if Goodman's expenses could be taken from this grant also or if the Foundation could give a special grant.

Sincerely yours,

A. Blumenschein

cc: Dr. B. McClintock ✓
Dr. E. J. Wellhausen